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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT ...

REDUCE YOUR RISK OF SKIN CANCER

By Steven K. Reviczky, Commissioner

“You have malignant melanoma.”

Hearing those words as the doctor informed me that my lymph-node biopsy was positive changed my world forever.

As someone who loves the outdoors and spent a lot of time in the sun (working and playing), having a dark complexion meant nothing. While friends and relatives burned easily, I didn't and never gave it much thought. The diagnosis of stage III malignant melanoma in 2001 changed that; I was 41, the father of two school-aged children, had a mortgage to pay, and had my whole life ahead of me. Melanoma is the deadliest form of skin cancer and the diagnosis took me on a multi-year odyssey that included three surgeries and an intensive year-long chemotherapy regimen. I'm lucky. I am here to talk about it.

There are some things in life that we simply cannot control. Exposure to the sun is one place that each of us can affect our destiny. Being ever mindful of the negative effects of the sun can limit your chances of skin cancer.

There are simple things that you can and should do to limit your exposure and risk from the harmful rays of the sun. Please read and follow the advice of the American Academy of Dermatology below. Do these things for yourself, your family, and the future of your farm business.

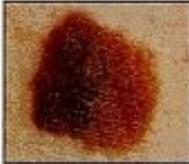
I speak from experience.

MAKE SKIN CHECK A PRIORITY

From the [American Academy of Dermatology](#)

Farming has plenty of challenges, but probably one of the hazards that farmers worry about the least is the danger from working in the sun year round. Farmers should pay attention to the condition of their skin. When detected early, skin cancer has a cure rate of 99 percent. Since research shows farmers are among the least likely workers to receive a skin examination by a physician, it's important that farmers perform regular skin self examinations, which could mean the difference between life and death.

It's as easy as “ABC” to remember how you can identify a mole or lesion that needs dermatologist attention:

	Benign	Malignant	
A. Asymmetry	 Symmetrical	 Asymmetrical	Asymmetry - one half is unlike the other
B. Border	 Even edges	 Uneven edges	Border - irregular, scalloped, or poorly defined
C. Color	 One shade	 Two or more shades	Color - varies from one area to another
D. Diameter	 Smaller than 6 mm	 Larger than 6 mm	Evolving - changing in size, shape or color

To help farmers minimize their risk of skin cancer, the American Academy of Dermatology recommends that everyone be sun smart:

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ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

ARUGULA,12,GA	18.75	18.75
BLUEBERRIES,12/6oz,GA	30.75	30.75
BOK CHOY,35lb,FL	52.00	52.00
CUCUMBERS,GA,1/2BU	36.00	36.00
CORN,4 1/2dz,FL	38.00	38.00
GINGER ROOT,20lb	42.00	42.25
GREEN BEANS,bu,FL	49.50	49.50
LEEKs,12s,CA	44.00	44.50
LETTUCE,greenlf,24ct,NC	41.75	41.75
MANGOES,10ct,MX	10.00	10.00
MUSHRM,wht,10lb,Ig,PA	25.50	25.50
NECTARINES,1/2bu,NC	55.00	55.50
ONION,40lb,Vidalia,GA	51.50	51.50
PEACHES,60ct,NC	20.00	20.00
PEPPER,RED bell,xl,FL	48.75	48.75
RASPBERRIES,12/6oz,CA	31.00	31.00
SQUASH,yellow,20lb,GA	34.50	34.50
STRWBRY,8/1lb,CA	26.75	26.75

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

June 20, 2011

Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

49-54	220-270 lbs	68.00-71.00
	270-400lbs	67.50-68.50
	300-400lbs	63.00-64.25
45-49	270-300 lbs	64.00-67.00
Sows: US 1	300-500 lbs	45.00-50.00
	500-700 lbs	48.00-52.25
Boars:	300-800 lbs	33.00-33.50

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, Conn., June 20, 2011

Live animals brought the following average prices / cwt.

SALES WILL BE HELD JULY 4

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	18.00	20.00
61-75 lbs.	25.00	27.50
76-90 lbs.	30.00	35.00
91-105 lbs.	40.00	43.00
106 lbs. & up	45.00	50.00
Farm Calves	60.00	80.00
Started Calves	20.00	25.00
Veal Calves	72.00	131.00
Open Heifers	74.00	142.50
Beef Heifers	78.00	92.00
Feeder Steers	81.00	90.00
Beef Steers	77.50	83.00
Stock Bulls	70.00	105.00
Beef Bulls	69.50	78.25
Replacement Heifers	300.00	550.00
Lambs each	50.00	155.00
Goats each	65.00	190.00
Kid Goats each	45.00	65.00
Canners	Up to	70.50
Cutters	71.00	74.00
Utility Grade Cows	75.00	79.00
Rabbits each	5.00	23.00
Chickens each	5.00	20.00
Ducks each	7.00	25.00

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

BEAN SPROUTS,10lb,film	4.50	5.00
CHARD,12S	15.00	15.00
COLLARD,crtn,bnchd	11.00	11.00
CUCUMBERS,bu	25.00	25.00
KALE,crtn,bnchd	11.00	11.00
LETTUCE,Boston,12ct	7.00	7.50
LETTUCE,Boston,24ct	10.00	12.00
LETTUCE,greenleaf,24ct	10.00	12.00
PEAS,English,bu	30.00	35.00
PEAS,sugar snap,10lbs	22.00	22.00
PEAS,snow,10lb	18.00	18.00
RADISHES,24ct	14.00	14.00
RHUBARB,20lb	32.00	32.00
ROMAINE,24ct	10.00	12.00
ROMAINE,12ct	7.00	7.50
SQUASH,green,1/2bu	17.00	19.00
SQUASH,yellow,1/2bu	17.00	19.00
STRAWBERRIES,8/1qt	25.00	27.00
TOMATOES,GH,25loose	34.00	34.00

SHIPPED IN

APRICOTS,72ct,CA	23.00	23.00
ARUGULA,4/4bu,NJ	14.00	14.00
BEANS,green,bu,VA	34.00	35.00
BEETS,12s,NJ	15.00	15.00
BLUEBERRIES,12/1pt,NJ	16.00	21.00
CABBAGE,green,50lb,NJ	14.00	16.00
CANTALOUPE,9ct,CA	13.00	14.00
CHERRIES,16lb,10rows,CA	55.00	70.00
CORN,4-1/2dz,GA	14.00	17.00
KOHLRABI,1-3/5bu,NJ	16.00	18.00
LEEKs,12s,CA	26.00	30.00
MUSHROOM,10lb,wht,Ig,PA	16.50	17.00
PEACHES,1/2BU,SC	24.00	24.00
PEPPER,cubanelles,1-1/9bu,NJ	18.00	18.00
POTATOES,long white,50lb,CA	17.00	22.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Prices paid per dozen. Grade A brown egg in carton delivered store door. (Range)

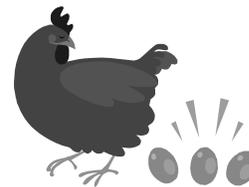
XTRA LARGE	142-152
LARGE	130-139
MEDIUM	111-121

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

June 20, 2011

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, warehouse, centers per dozen. (Range)

EXTRA LARGE	90-115
LARGE	86-100
MEDIUM	69-82



VIRGINIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT

June 20, 2011

Hay market for Harrisonburg, VA. All hay prices paid by dealers at the

Alfalfa Orchard Grass good	small round 400-500lbs 25.00 per bale
Mixed Grass good	large square 650-750lbs 29.00-43.00 bale
Orchard Grass good	small round 400-500lbs 86.00 per bale

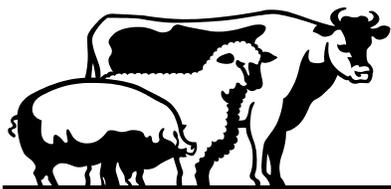
NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Monday, June 20, 2011

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:			
Breakers 75-80%lean	79.00-83.00	74.00-77.00	
Boners 80-85% lean	73.00-77.50	79.00-80.00	67.00-71.00
Lean 85-90% lean	67.00-72.00	72.50-74.00	62.00-66.00
SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1			
1045-1980 lbs	89.50-93.50		
CALVES: All prices per cwt.			
Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1			
95-115 lbs	115.00-135.00		
80-90 lbs	80.00-90.00		
Holstein Heifers: Number 1			
85-100 lbs	180.00-240.00		
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:			
Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3			
40-60 lbs	195.00-215.00		
60-80 lbs	206.00-220.00		
80-90 lbs	209.00-218.00		
90-110 lbs	210.00-218.00		
110-130 lbs	213.00-228.00		
130-150 lbs	N/A		

Wooled & Shorn Choice 2-3	
40-60 lbs	145.00-161.00
60-80 lbs	165.00-182.00
80-90 lbs	185.00-192.00
90-110lbs	194.00-208.00
110-130lbs	177.00-190.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh	
120-160 lbs	77.00-92.00
160-200 lbs	75.00-90.00
200-300lbs	N/A
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh	
120-160 lbs	50.00-65.00
160-200 lbs	52.00-64.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.	
Kids: 30-40 lbs	100.00-110.00
40-60lbs	112.00-132.00
60-80lbs	143.00-162.00
80-90lbs	152.00-167.00
90-100lbs	N/A
100-110lbs	N/A
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	127.00-140.00
130-180 lbs	144.00-147.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs	190.00-205.00
150 250 lbs	221.00-236.00



ADVERTISEMENTS

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4-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

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125-R. Heritage turkey poult for sale: 3-4 week Narragansetts \$10 each, 5-8 week Narr/Bourbon cross \$8 each. Fort Hill Farm, New Milford, 860-350-3158. Pick up only.

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www.whipbrushmowingnewengland.com 860-875-0280 or 860-553-3009.

CELEBRATION OF CT FARMS WILL BE SEPT 11

The Annual Celebration of Connecticut Farms fundraiser is Sunday, September 11th, at Jones Family Farms in Shelton. Come enjoy spectacular dishes featuring ingredients from over 50 Connecticut farms prepared by 24 of the state's top chefs. Your ticket of \$150 will support farmland preservation; please see www.ctfarmland.org for more information.

JUNE IS NATIONAL DAIRY MONTH

The National Dairy Council offers a free tip sheet, *30 Days of Dairy*, on its website, www.nationaldairycouncil.org. The sheet offers nutritional recommendations, helpful hints, and recipes for integrating three daily servings of dairy into a balanced diet.



2011 FARM-TO-CHEF WEEK: SEPTEMBER 18-24

This year's Farm-to-Chef Week will run September 18-24, 2011. Open to all restaurants and foodservice businesses in the state, it invites participants to create a special Farm-to-Chef menu that showcases Connecticut Grown ingredients and wines.

This promotion is an initiative of the department's Farm-to-Chef Program, which connects farmers and distributors of Connecticut Grown products with chefs and other culinary professionals. Last year's event attracted over 80 restaurants, caterers, schools, farms, wineries, and other eateries. Participants created unique, diverse menus offered at multi-course farm dinners, food-trucks, white-tablecloth restaurants, coffee shops, school cafeterias, and ice cream parlors. Featured Connecticut Grown ingredients included produce, herbs, meats, seafood, dairy, maple, honey, and more.

Restaurants and food venues interested in participating can download the guidelines and registration forms at www.CTGrown.gov (look under featured links). **The deadline to register is June 30, 2011.** For more information, contact Linda Piotrowicz at Linda.Piotrowicz@ct.gov or 860-713-2558.

CT GROWN PRODUCER LISTINGS AND BROCHURES

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture offers a variety of online listings on its [Publications](#) page. Applications currently being accepted include 2011 Connecticut Agritourism, 2011 Connecticut Farm Stands/Stores, 2011 Connecticut Pick-Your-Own Farms, 2011 CT Grown Dairy and Egg Producers, 2011 CT Grown Honey Producers, and 2011 CT Grown Meat Producers.

These online listings are updated year round and applications can be submitted at any time. Applications can be found on the Department of Agriculture's website at www.CTGrown.gov (click on Publications then the [Commodity Brochures](#) link at the end of the second paragraph).

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FSA PROGRAM DEADLINE REMINDERS

Marsha B. Jetté, State Executive Director of the Connecticut Farm Service Agency, reminds producers of FSA deadlines:

- July 15, 2011 - 2011 crop year acreage reporting for most crops and filing of 2010 production reports for most Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) crops.
- July 29, 2011 - 2009 Supplemental Revenue Assistance (SURE) Program signup
- August 1, 2011 - Requests for 2011 farm reconstitution

Farmers are urged to contact their local county office to set up appointments before the enrollment deadlines. Sign-ups for several other programs are ongoing. For more information contact your county FSA office or visit the FSA website at: www.fsa.usda.gov.

News and events from local agricultural organizations are published on a first-come, first-served basis as space allows.

Submit concise summaries (150 words maximum) to linda.piotrowicz@ct.gov for consideration. There is no guarantee that submissions will be published.

REDUCE YOUR RISK OF SKIN CANCER

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- Use water-resistant sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 30 on all exposed skin before heading outdoors. Re-apply every two hours, even on cloudy days.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts, pants, a wide-brimmed hat, and sunglasses.
- Stay in the shade when possible, and make sure your tractor has a sun umbrella. The sun is strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- If working near water, snow, or sand, seek extra shade because these surfaces reflect the sun's rays and increase your chance of sunburn.
- Look at your skin after each harvest. Ask a partner to help. If you notice any moles or spots changing, growing or bleeding, make an appointment to see a dermatologist.



At left: melanoma

NOP PROGRAM SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT

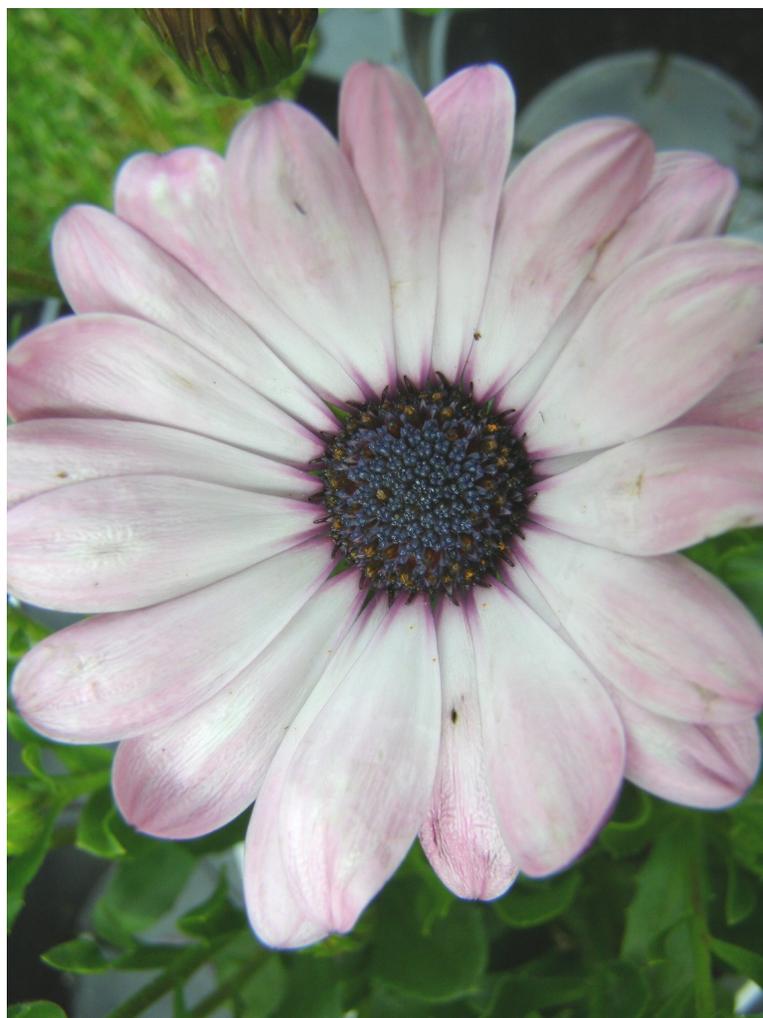
USDA's National Organic Program (NOP) has made available draft guidance addressing the following issues: help in organic livestock feed, allowed ingredients and sources of vitamins and minerals in organic livestock feed, pesticide residue testing, and seeds and planting stock in organic crop production.

The NOP is addressing these topics and seeking input from the public in response to recommendations issued by the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) and requests by the organic industry for clarification about regulatory intent.

Guidance documents, once finalized, are intended to improve consistency in how certifying agents and certified operations implement the national organic standards by clarifying NOP's current thinking on these topics. They provide a uniform method for operations to comply with the regulations while reducing the burden of developing their own methods and simplifying audits and inspections. These documents are available for consideration and public comment at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/NOPDraftGuidance>.

NOP PROGRAM HANDBOOK HAS NEW APPENDICES

USDA's National Organic Program (NOP)'s *Program Handbook* has several new tools and reference documents including sample organic system plan templates, sample documentation forms, and an overview of the NOP's Access to Pasture Rule. These publications have been incorporated into the *Program Handbook* to serve as optional compliance tools for anyone exploring or undergoing organic certification, and are accessible at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/NOPProgramHandbook>.



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